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Item # 76

RESOLUTION NO. 20060622-XXX

WHEREAS, the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program establishes procurement goals for the City departments that target minority- and women-owned business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance encourages minorities and women participation in City contracts by establishing special procurement goals for each group; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce conducted an analysis of the City of Austin's MBE/WBE participation; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber, in conducting its analysis, has determined specific ways to improve the functioning and effectiveness of the program; and

WHEREAS, adjustments to the reporting standards and improving communication between the city staff and Austin's various chambers will help increase the effectiveness of the program; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be directed to provide feedback and respond to the report created by the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce titled, "Community Scorecard on the City of Austin's MBE/WBE Participation;" and

That the City Manager be directed to clarify its policy with regard to reporting, in dollar figures and percentages, dual participation. Dual participation is when a business is certified both minority-owned and woman-owned; and

That the City Manager be directed to develop standardized MBE/WBE reporting procedures, including format, and schedule, for all city departments; and

That the City Manager be directed to designate a city liaison to be a point of contact between city staff and the several chambers in the greater Austin area, to meet with representatives of each, individually or as a group, from time to time as needed.

ADOPTED: June 22 2006

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk